

September 10 Planning Commission

5.03: Consider Recommending Approval of The COR Development Plan Comparison Document

Presentation

Community Development Director Gladhill presented the staff report stating the purpose of this item was to review a comparison document between the original Ramsey Town Center Master Plan and the current COR Development Plan as requested by the City Council and Planning Commission on May 26, 2015. Staff reviewed the previous discussions and proposed revisions offered by the Planning Commission. He discussed several adjustments that Commissioner Brauer offered as amendments to the document.

Commission Business

Commissioner Brauer explained that he believed the Commission and Council should move forward to a new vision away from the original concept.

Chairperson Levine agreed with this assessment and understood it was a big change.

Commissioner Bauer asked what the intent was of the current document.

Community Development Director Gladhill reported that he intent of the document was to take a look at the major components of the original plan when compared to the new plan.

Commissioner VanScoy understood that the core of The COR originally was to be commercial and retail. He believed that this goal was no longer in place as the focus has shifted to residential.

Community Development Director Gladhill stated the value of this document would be to speak with planning groups and economic specialists along with advisory boards to find common trends in order to develop the goals for this area.

Commissioner Bauer understood that the big box retailers were not interested in coming to this area. For this reason, the City would have to look at creating other reasons to make Ramsey a destination.

Community Development Director Gladhill reported that input from the public will be gained to see what the public's vision is for this space.

Chairperson Levine appreciated the questions presented by Commissioner Brauer and believed these questions would gain valuable feedback.

Motion by Commissioner VanScoy, seconded by Commissioner Maul, to recommend that City Council adopt the Comparison Document for The COR with Commissioner Brauer's amendments.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners VanScoy, Maul, Andrusko, Bauer, and Brauer. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Nosan.